

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
Special Budget Meeting
October 18, 2007

Council: Mayor Kay Dyson, Councilmember's Eric Baca and Phelps Wilkins

Excused: Mary Nedrow and Pete Hunt

Staff: Scott Garms Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk and Karen Asquith Finance Director.

Public: None

1. Mayor Dyson called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m. with a quorum present.
2. Mayor Dyson announced that both Councilman Hunt and Vice Mayor Nedrow had left their comments for consideration at this meeting.

Mr. Garms said that the Vice Mayor was okay with taking a one year absence from participation in EDAC and was okay with a lease purchase on a police car.

Councilman Hunt said he would like to see a reduction in the council and Casa Malpais budgets and an increase in the chamber budget.

Mayor Dyson noted that there was a suggestion that the chamber be supplemented with \$10,000 from the Tourism Tax money.

Travel Training: 25% was cut across the board to balance the budget. Mr. Garms noted that this was okay for most departments for this year but will need to be increased. Most of the service we provide is public service and we need to keep employees trained.

The Council's travel and training budget is currently at 118% of budget due to the two big conferences. Mr. Garms recommended moving \$1,000 from public relations to this budget to cover gas and food per diem. He advised the council that there are one day meetings that the Mayor and Council members need to attend to represent the town.

Councilman Baca recommended moving \$1500 instead of \$1,000.
Mayor Dyson said she was willing to forego the \$50.00 per diem.

Ms. Asquith noted that this would put the council budget at 75%.

Chamber- Mr. Garms clarified that the council consensus was to take \$10,000 from Tourism Tax to make the chamber budget \$30,000. They agreed.

Mr. Garms reminded the council that the chamber had asked Springerville to increase their contribution to \$45,000 this year to cover ten percent salary raises and to hire another staff member.

Councilman Wilkins said that the Historical Society has \$31,500 match for the SHPO grant and offered the match to the Town if the town could repay with in-kind labor and materials when it comes time to build the museum. He also stated that he would like to see \$10,000 of this money used to supplement the chamber if the Historical committee approves it.

EDAC- Mr. Garms explained that in order to fund EDAC we will either have to fund the full amount of \$25,000 or not at all. Councilman Wilkins suggested using this money to fund EDAC and the rest to fund the chamber contingent on whether the committee agrees with his suggestion. He asked Scott for a letter of agreement that he can take to the committee for these funds.

Casa Malpais- Personnel budget was cut 10%. Mr. Garms asked where they would like to move the \$6,000.

Town Hall Park- \$45,000 for Town Hall Park to fund the play ground equipment. This year they will use \$20 thousand this year. Ms. Asquith said they would like to phase this year with a portion this year and the bulk next year.

Unfunded:

Spring Cleanup – The council didn't feel that this was a basic service and didn't want to put the money into this.

Water & Sewer Line Rehab: Ms. Asquith explained that they are trying to institute a program to rehab to put in one thousand feet year but did not do it this year.

The consensus of the council was to put the \$6,000 into sewer line rehab.

Mayor Council- Mayor Dyson asked for gas money to attend meetings and said was willing to give up her \$50.00 per diem.

Council members willing to give up their salaries were encouraged to see the finance director. Any money from council salaries will also go into sewer line rehab.

Chamber of Commerce- Funded \$40,000. \$20,000 will come from the town, \$10,000 from Tourism Tax and \$10,000 from the Historical Society grant fund match if Councilman Wilkins can get it approved by the committee.

Ms. Asquith noted that she put in the \$100,000 for the Congressional allocation and an additional million for the expenditure limitation.

Mayor Dyson thanked Karen for all the work she did putting together this budget.

Kay Dyson/Phelps Wilkins motion to approve the 2007-2008 Tentative budget for \$9,458,611 with the changes discussed tonight.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Eric Baca
		Phelps Wilkins

3. Adjourn:

Kay Dyson/Phelps Wilkins motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Kay Dyson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town council in a special budget meeting on Thursday October 18, 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 22nd day of October 2007.

Town Clerk